

comment in writing, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 16, 1998, on any errors or omissions with respect to the list. Two copies of such comments should be sent to the address indicated in the ADDRESSES section of this Notice and should be identified on the outside of the envelope and on the document with the designation "Docket No. FE-R-79-43B." Written comments should include the commenter's name, address, and telephone number.

All notifications and comments received by the DOE will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying in the Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

III. List of Electric Utilities and Gas Utilities

The 1998 list consists of two parts (Appendices A and B). Each displays a different tabulation of the utilities that meet PURPA coverage requirements. As stated above, the inclusion or exclusion of any utility on or from the lists does not affect that utility's legal obligations or those of the responsible State regulatory authority under PURPA.

Appendix A contains a list of utilities which are covered by PURPA. These utilities are grouped by State and by the regulatory authority within each State. Also included in this list are utilities which are covered by PURPA but which are not regulated by the State regulatory authority. This tabulation, including explanatory notes, is based on information provided to the DOE by State regulatory authorities in response to the March 17, 1997 **Federal Register** notice (62 FR 12625) requiring each State regulatory authority to notify the DOE of each utility on the list over which it has ratemaking authority, public comments received with respect to that notice, and information subsequently made available to the DOE.

The utilities classified in Appendix A as not regulated by the State regulatory authority, in fact, may be regulated by local municipal authorities. These municipal authorities would be State agencies as defined by PURPA and thus have responsibilities under PURPA identical to those of the State regulatory authority. Therefore, each such municipality is to notify the DOE of each utility on the list over which it has ratemaking authority.

In Appendix B, the utilities are listed alphabetically, subdivided into electric utilities and gas utilities, and further

subdivided by type of ownership: investor-owned utilities, publicly-owned utilities, and rural cooperatives.

Those parties interested in accessing the list electronically through our web site may do so by contacting http://www.fe.doe.gov/coal_power/elec_reg/elec_reg.htm. Once you have accessed our web site just follow the directions to the 1998 list.

The changes to the 1997 list of electric and gas utilities are as follows:

Additions:

Caney Fork Electric Cooperative (TN)
Central Electric Power Association (MS)
Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TX)
Denton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TX)
Johnson County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TX)
Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TX)
Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TX)
Maine Public Service Company (ME)
Northern Utilities, Inc. (ME)
Rayburn County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TX)
Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative (VA)
Southside Electric Cooperative (VA)
United Cities Gas Company (TN)
Upshur-Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TX)
West Texas Gas, Inc. (TX)

(Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-617, 92 Stat. 3117 *et seq.* (16 U.S.C. 2601) *et seq.*)

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-153-000]

High Island Offshore System; Notice of Application for a Blanket Certificate

December 30, 1997.

Take notice that on December 22, 1997, High Island Offshore System (HIOS), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI 48243, filed in Docket No. CP98-153-000 an application for a Blanket Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Subpart F Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations requesting authority to engage in the

activity described in Section 157.203 of the Commission's Regulations, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said motion should on or before January 20, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 384.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-142-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Application

December 30, 1997.

Take notice that on December 17, 1997, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed in Docket No. CP98-142-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the replacement of a portion of an existing pipeline and permission and approval to abandon certain facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel proposes to replace and relocate 2,735 feet of its existing 20-inch Line K in the Town of Orchard Park, Erie County, New York, with 3,210 feet of 20-inch pipeline located in a new right-of-way. In its application, National Fuel states that leak history and development that has encroached upon the pipeline right-of-way necessitates the relocation and replacement of Line K. National Fuel states that the peak